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AmerenUE Natural Gas Rate Case Settlement

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold an on-the-record proceeding on **Wednesday, March 14, 2007**, regarding an agreement reached last week in the AmerenUE natural gas rate case.

This on-the-record will allow Commissioners to ask questions of the parties regarding the agreement reached by AmerenUE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri School Boards' Association and the Missouri Retailers Association.

The on-the-record will be held in **Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City at 3 o'clock**. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in the on-the-record, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the on-the-record.

AmerenUE filed its natural gas rate request on July 10, 2006, seeking to increase annual non-gas revenues by approximately \$10.6 million. The agreement before the Commission calls for non-gas revenues to increase by approximately \$6 million a year. AmerenUE states the increase for a typical residential customer will be 3 to 8 percent, depending on where the customer is located in AmerenUE's four geographic regions.

The rate case filed by AmerenUE involves its non-gas costs of providing service to its customers. Non-gas costs include operating and maintenance expenses and a return on investment in plant (such as natural gas mains and service lines that carry natural gas to the customer's home or business). The rates that wholesale suppliers charge AmerenUE for natural gas are not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. Those costs make up approximately 65 to 75 percent of a customer's total monthly natural gas bill.

AmerenUE serves approximately 125,000 natural gas customers in Missouri.